IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wilfried STÜBBE Holger UPHOFF Bernd LÖDDING Petra HERRMANN

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For: METHOD FOR THE

CHARACTERISATION OF

SURFACE STRUCTURES AND USE

THEREOF FOR THE

MODIFICATION, DEVELOPMENT

AND PRODUCTION OF

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is a National Phase Application of PCT/EP 2004/008339, filed 26 July 2004, which claims priority to DE 103 35 596, filed 4 August 2003.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.